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I think where counties...where casinos are going to be built should be dictated by the business itself. If there is business studies done, that will be decided where casinos are built. There has to be a certain amount of population area for an infrastructure to support a casino, labor and everything else that goes with it. I have my amendment introduced mostly to call attention to the fact that we do have a viable interest in what goes on in Nebraska. We want everyone in the area to have an equal opportunity at whatever is decided on. When we talk about interdiction zones and that sort of thing, this narrows it down to just a small area. I'm glad Senator Janssen has a nice clean bill before us. Shouldn't...it isn't cluttered with any kind of rhetoric or anyplace what we're going to do with the money. This is something that as far as any revenue, we don't have to worry about what to do about revenue, because I grant you, you can probably chisel it in stone that if there is any revenue there, there will be future legislative bodies that will know what to do with it. So with that, I would like to probably withdraw my amendment because I think the way Senator Janssen's bill is so designated I think I can vote for it and support it the way it is. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The amendment is withdrawn. The Chair would now recognize Senator Cudaback, to be followed by Senator Schimek, Schrock, Beutler, and Janssen. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President and members, I am not going to speak on this issue again, but I think this is an issue that your constituents want to hear about. This is their one...they'll want to know how their representative, being a state senator, how we are going to vote. This is somewhat, like I said yesterday, this is one of the issues that come up more frequently than anything else. So I think we owe it to our constituents to say how we're going to do on this issue. I don't have any strong feelings either way, I really don't. But I'll say one thing, if we don't do something, they will. If we don't do something, they will. Whatever you want to do, if you don't want to do anything, that's fine. But they will do it. If we do something, then they probably won't. But they want to do something. It's just that simple. If we don't, they will. Like I said, I'm going to vote to put it on the ballot; I'm